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Received up to 7th April, 1885.

POLITICAL.

The Shafiq-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 4th April, states that it is well known that Mr. Gladstone Anglo-Turkish alliance. has no sympathy with the Turks and even desires the destruction of their empire. During the late Russo-Turkish war his sympathies were entirely with the Russians, whom he regarded as the deliverers of the Christian subjects of the Sultan. His strong denunciations of Turkish rule alienated the hearts of the English nation from the Turks and prevented Lord Beaconsfield's Government from extending a helping hand to them in their difficulties. On the contrary, the British Government occupied Cyprus at the termination of the war. Mr. Gladstone's interference with Egyptian affairs is really due to his evil desire to injure the power of the Sultan and to benefit the British bond-holders of Egypt. But the Central Asian crisis has brought him to his senses, and he has thought it necessary to conclude a friendly alliance with Turkey, whom he always hated. There is no doubt that if England had not allowed Russia to cripple the strength of her friend, the Porte, Russia would never have had the courage to approach

the Afghan frontier. The alliance concluded between England and Turkey will be most beneficial to the two countries. It may deter Russia from picking a quarrel with England, but, if hostilities break out, the British Government will be able to withdraw its troops from the Soudan and to concentrate all its strength against Russia, and will also receive great help from the Ports. The benefit that will result to Turkey is that her rights in Egypt will remain intact by the withdrawal of British troops from the latter country, and she will be saved from the intrigues of all the European powers, especially of Russia, to which she is an eye-sore. It is to be hoped that the Anglo-Turkish alliance will prove a lasting one.

Circulation,

The Oudh Akhbar (Lucknow), of the 3rd April, states that it is still of opinion that no reli-Central Asian crisis. ance should be placed on Russian faith, and that a strong army should be at once sent forward to occupy Kandahar and Herat. Recent telegrams show that Komaroff and Alikhanoff have advanced with a large force to Urush Doshan within eighteen miles of Panjdeh. On the other hand, the reply received from St. Petersburg to Earl Granville's despatch is said to be of a conciliatory nature. Nothing could be more desirable than a peaceful settlement of the difficulty. But when the Russian Generals are continually advancing in spite of the declaration of the St. Petersburg Government to the effect that no further advance will be made pending the action of the Boundary Commis sion, there is little hope of peace.

Circulation, 600 copies. The Hindustání (Lucknow), of the 1st April, does not think that any great good will result from the costly Ráwal Pindi pageant.

In fact the Sikhs, who may be supposed to be well acquainted with the character of their Afghán neighbours, are of opinion that the Government of India is not well advised in showing such great honours to the Amír, and that the measure will have a bad effect on the frontier tribes. It is rumoured that Government means to give Abdul Rahman a large sum of

money on the occasion of the darbar and also to increase the annual subsidy. But such a policy would be generally regarded as a sign of the weakness of the British Government and would also whet the avarice of the Amír.

The Sham-i-Oudh (Fyzabad), of the 31st March, rejoices

Native troops in the to state that the native troops have
soudan. again distinguished themselves in

Egypt. They took a part in the late fight with Osman
Digma, and were very highly spoken of by General Graham.

Where are those Englishmen now who are accustomed to protest against the employment of native troops out of this country? There is a vast difference between the pay of

European and native soldiers, but the latter do not yield the
palm to the former in the battle-field. It is to be hoped that
Government will also afford an opportunity to the armies
of native chiefs to exhibit their loyalty and bravery.

The Khuir Khwdh-i-Kashmir (Lahore), of the 2nd April, states that Anglo-Indian newspapers Mahárája of Kashmir at first raised a clamour against the and Anglo-Indian newspa-Amir of Kabul. They declared that he was in intrigue with the Russian Government and that two Russian envoys were always present in his court. But his Indian visit has shown how utterly unfounded were the charges. The evil-minded Anglo-Indian editors, far from repenting their past misconduct, have lately begun to attack the Mahárája of Kashmir. The Civil and Military Gazette. the Pioneer, and the Statesman have spread most mischievous rumours about His Highness. The writings of the first two journals are often characterised by prejudice, but it is difficult to realise how the Statesman, which is generally well informed, has declared that the Maharaja will be dethroned and granted a pension. The Gazette has charged His Highness with carrying on secret correspondence with Abdul Rahman. The charge seems to be false. But even if it be true, His Highness cannot be said to have committed

Circulation, 359 copies. any fault. There appears to be no restriction as to his corresponding with foreign potentates direct. In fact, his State being surrounded with foreign countries, he is necessarily obliged to correspond with them. The Government of India is convinced of his loyalty, and will not allow itself to be deceived by the mischievous utterances of the Anglo-Indian Press. (The Safir-i-Panjáb, Hoshiarpur, of the 25th March, and the Vazir-i-Hind, Siálkot, of the 5th April, argue that the rumours spread by Anglo-Indian newspapers against the Mahárája are preposterous, and that His Highness has always shown himself to be a most faithful adherent to the Government of India.)

Circulation, 500 copies.

The Aftab-i-Panjab (Lahore), of the 30th March, states

that the Pioneer found fault with the two Arab spies in the London Times and other English papers for spreading disquieting rumours.

But the Pioneer itself has recently given publicity to a strange canera. It is said that two Arab spies, accompanied by two Maulvis of Delhi, have arrived at a town fifty miles from Lahore, and carry on their proceedings openly, but that the Government officers do not interfere with them for fear of a disturbance of the peace!

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Sir Lepel Griffin and Mr. to Sir Lepel Griffin's answer, published in the Fortnightly Review, to Mr. Wilfrid Blunt's article on the state of things in this country, remarks that Sir Lepel has taken up the cudgels for his brother Civilians, whom he thinks to be infallible, and endeavoured to refute the charges brought against them by Mr. Blunt. It is not worth while to criticise Sir Lepel's whole article, but there are one or two points which require a passing notice. In answer to Mr. Blunt's statement that the Civilians do not patronize native industries, Sir Lepel observes that they cannot afford to buy costly carpets of native manufacture! More-

over, he says that their wants have multiplied largely, while their scale of pay has remained stationary. But the Shafiq would draw his attention to the new Panjáb Re-organization scheme, which was introduced last year, and by which rates of pay for Civilians were increased and natives were excluded from the higher ranks of the public service. He says that, looking at the vast extent of the country and the excellence of the work of Civilians, their salaries are very inadequate. But the Shafiq is of opinion that, as it is, they are too highly paid, and fears that if their extravagant emoluments are not curtailed, the Government of India will have to encounter serious financial difficulties ere long.

A correspondent of the same paper, writing from Gujranwalla, regrets to say that since the Frequent transfer of the transfer of Mr. Bulman, that district Deputy Commissioner of Gujranwalla. has been during the last four or five years in charge of many officers, such as Mr. Gardener, Mr. Steel, Mr. Macauliffe, Mr. Trafford, and Major Wood, some of whom were allowed to remain there only for a few months, and none for more than a year. The present Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Silcock, has yet been there only for a few days. The writer argues that such frequent changes in the charge of a district are extremely injurious to the administration. Evidently if a Deputy Commissioner is not allowed to remain fairly long in the same district, he will not be able to discover the local wants and requirements and far less to satisfy them. The writer is of opinion that there should be no change in the charge of a district for four or five years except for special reasons. On the other hand, he is opposed to the long stay of native officers in the same district. When a native officer remains long in the same place, he contracts all kinds of relations with the people there, which often interfere with an impartial administration of justice on his part. Rác Gopál Dás, Extra Assistant Commissioner, has held several offices in Gujranwalls, and his entire service in that district cannot be less than 20

years! The writen does not mean to reflect on his character in any way. He is undoubtedly a most conscientious and honest man. However, it is not wise to keep any officer so long in the same place.

Lerd Randolph Church. dolph Churchill on behalf of waterill. carriers, who had been impressed at
Benares for service in the Soudan, is going the round of the
vernacular press. His Lordship is praised for freely coming in contact with respectable and educated natives. The
Nasim-i-Agra, of the 30th March, observes that his Lordship
would do well to make himself accessible to cultivators and
other lower classes of the people and enquire into their condition.

Circulation,

The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 30th March, states that it would be a good thing if the courts of justice

Suggested appointment of photographers in courts of justice and registry offices took photographs of persons with whom they had to deal, but whose identity was not quite

certain. It is well known that the proceedings of some subregistrars are not generally regarded as trustworthy, but the proposed arrangement would make personation impossible and enhance the evidential value of registered documents. The scheme would involve no great cost. One photographer on a small pay should be attached to each court of justice and registry office. He should also work as a muharrir. The men might be paid from the copying and registry fees.

Circulation, 900 copies. The Victoria Paper (Siálkot), of the 31st March, urges

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that in murder cases, in which the conmate appeal should lie to the Privy
Council. It is well known that the orders of the Chief Court
in civil suits, in which the value of the subject-matter in
dispute is Rs. 10,000 or above, are appealable to that Council, and surely the life of a human being cannot be considered worth less than Rs. 10,000.

Circulation,

The Hindustant (Lucknow), of the 3rd April, states that Enlistment of Native some time ago the Government of Involunteers. dia sanctioned the enlistment of Eurasians and Native Christians as Volunteers. Recently news has been received from Madras to the effect that four natives, too, have been enrolled there as Volunteers. This is a real cause for congratulation. The Government seems to have at last recognised the fact that the defence of the British Indian Empire rests with the millions of this country themselves, and is disposed to remove the disability under which they have so long laboured in the matter of volunteering. It is to be hoped that Sir Alfred Lyall will not be slow to extend to the natives in these provinces the concession which Mr. Grant Duff has granted to the Madras people.

The Waqaya-i-Alam (Gházipur), of the 80th March, is surprised that, while large quantities of arms are given to the Amír, natives are not even admitted to volunteer corps. Does Government trust the Afgháns more than its own native subjects? It is simply absurd to think that natives would ever like a change of masters.

Circulation, 300 copies.

The Jám-i-Jamshed (Moradabad), of the 29th March, resuggested repeal of the ferring to the critical state of affairs in Arms Act.

Central Asia, remarks that measures like the invitation of the Amir to have a conference with the Viceroy and the assemblage of troops on the frontier are good so far as they go. But what is still more important and necessary is that the people should be conciliated and supplied with arms. The Arms Act cannot be repealed a day too soon. If natives are not allowed to carry arms, they will be able to render no aid to Government in case of an outbreak of hostilities with Russia, but will simply offer prayers in their mosques and temples for the success of British arms.

Circulation, 150 copies. Circulation, 168 copies.

A kánúngo, writing to the Najmul-Akhbár (Etáwah), of the 1st April, regrets to say that ká-Kanungos and the middle class examination. núngos who entered the service after 1879, but who do not possess the middle class examination certificates, have lately been ordered to pass that examination. But it should be observed that they are a hard-worked class of officials and can scarcely find time for study. Moreover, when they have passed the kanungoship examination, it is unnecessary to require them to pass the examination in question. Surely a knowledge of history or geography is not essential to them for the performance of their duty. Under these circumstances, it would be but just and fair to exempt them from the middle class examination. They should not be made to pay the penalty of the mistakes of the Director of Agriculture and Commerce. He should not have admitted them to the service without satisfying himself that they had passed, so to speak, the public service examination.

Circulation, 80 copies. state that orders were issued by the late Viceroy for checking the use of madak, which is most deleterious to health. It is believed that no licenses will be granted in Dehli this year for the manufacture and sale of that vile drug. Sir Alfred Lyall and the district officers in these provinces, who are so anxious to encourage the use of tea and coffee, would do well to follow suit. The excise revenue would no doubt suffer to some extent from the stoppage of such licenses, but the loss would be nothing compared with the improvement in the health of the people.

Circulation, 500 copies.

A correspondent of the Aftdb-i-Panjdb (Lahore), of the Need for moral educa. 30th March, states that it is a matter tion in schools. for deep regret that the Government of India has not approved of the recommendation of the Education Commission for the introduction of moral instruction into schools. The neglect of religious and moral training is producing a most evil effect on the minds of the boys. It

will be remembered that, on the occasion of his late visit to Gujranwalla, Dr. Leitner declared in his speech there that native youths, who had received high English education, were impertinent and insolent. It is to be hoped that the Government of India will reconsider the subject and recognise the necessity for meral education.

The Prayag Samachar (Allahabad), of the 1st April, refer- Circulation, Local self-government, ring to the late municipal elections held at Allahabad, remarks that, as Allahabad. the papers connected with local self-government have not been published in Hindi, the people do not know what that When local enquiries were made scheme really means. for preparing the lists of voters, many persons, thinking that some new tax was intended to be introduced, did not supply correct information. Hence the lists of voters are very incomplete. If the Government really wishes to interest the people in local-self-government, it should order all papers connected with it to be published in Hindi.

The same paper regrets to say that the municipal elec-Late municipal elections, tions, lately held at the octroi office Allahabad. at Allahabad, were attended with great confusion and disorder. An unseemly quarrel took place among the candidates, and it was believed that the matter would be referred to the District Magistrate. Such a state of things is not very creditable to natives.

The Anjuman-i-Hind (Lucknow), of the 28th March, advocates female education on the ground Female education. that it will promote the intellectual, moral, and social condition of native women.

Circulation. 150 copies.

700 copies.

The Kavivachan Sudha (Benares), of the 30th March, states that it is believed that one Mr. Laidman, C. S., Subordinate Judge, Dehra Captain Hearsey has reported to the Dún. Viceroy, the Lieutenant-Governor of these provinces, and the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, that Mr. Laidman, C.S., Subordinate Judge, Dehra

Circulation,

Dún, lately abused before him the nephews of Sarup Dás, the well-known Mahant of that place, calling them pigs, bastards, &c., in vernacular, told them that they had had the audacity to appeal to the High Court against his decree, and ordered them out of court. It remains to be seen what notice the Lieutenant-Governor and the Chief Justice take of the matter, but there can be hardly two opinious as to the impropriety of Mr. Laidman's conduct.

POST-OFFICE AND RAILWAY.

Circulation,

The Mufid-i- Am (Agra), of the 1st April, which publishes the notice issued by the Post-Master-Payment of money-orders through postal peons. General of these provinces regarding the payment of money-orders to payees at their own houses through postal peons from the 1st idem, disapproves of the scheme on the following grounds:-First, postal peons will be tempted to forge payees' receipts and to misappropriate the money to their own use, especially when payees are quite illiterate and unable to sign their names. Secondly, as the same men will deliver letters and also pay money-orders, they may sometimes lose their money bags in a hurry. Thirdly, postal peons may be waylaid and relieved of their money by thieves. True, the payees will be saved the trouble of going to the post-office to get the money, but that inconvenience is nothing compared with the serious objections to which the new arrangement is open as shown above.

Circulation, 420 copies.

The Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 31st March, states

that formerly the railway-station at the railway-station at Multan was a very small one and the passenger trains stopped there only for five minutes. The Rahbar drew the attention of the railway authorities to these matters some years ago, and is glad to say that they have lately constructed a suitable station and increased the time of halt, for which the inhabitants of the town are very thankful to them. But it is to be regretted

that the passengers are still exposed to great inconvenience at Baháwalpur from short halts of trains. The town being the capital of a large Native State and a place of growing trade, the number of incoming and out-going passengers there is always considerable.

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